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The reply brief filed June 20, 2005 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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**REPLY BRIEF**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 41.41, Applicant submits this  
Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed on April 19, 2005.

**REMARKS**

In the Examiner's Answer responding to Appellant's Appeal Brief, the Examiner maintains his rejection of claims 1-20 as being anticipated by any one of: U.S. Patent No. 2,512,310 to *Corson*, U.S. Patent No. 4,816,316 to *Robbins*, U.S. Patent No. 3,746,607 to *Harmon et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,565,725 to *Spamer et al.*, or U.S. Patent No. 5,614,288 to *Bustos*. Appellant provides the following remarks in response to the Examiner's Answer.

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